

IMPROVEMENTS.—Mr. Wellington Eastham, has moved and remodeled the old Wetzel house, for a tenement house. On the same lot he is now erecting for himself an elegant residence. Mr. Pete Roush is doing the work.

Contracts have been let for the building of the two Methodist Churches in this place, and work has been commenced on the one on Viand street.

Mrs. C. W. Phelps will shortly build on her lot in the extension.

Mr. J. S. O'Roark is putting a neat fence around his lot, on which he recently built a new cottage.

Curtis Nutter is building a frame cottage on his lot in the extension.

Mrs. Ben. Cressy has been making some improvements to her residence.

A. C. VanGilder is still making improvements to his drug store building. He has now the handsomest store room in town.

M. M. Laidley is remodeling the second-story of his store building. It will be occupied by Dr. Petty, Dentist.

Houses are being erected in every part of town, but the supply is not equaling the demand.

John Jordan, colored, has built a very nice cottage, on the corner of Viand and Fifth sts.

Capt. Mein's new double brick tenement house is going up rapidly.

John Gilmore's double ten room house on Second street, is about ready for occupancy.

Sam. Vicker's residence on Decatur street, is about completed.

Ben. Franklin is figuring on a brick business block, on Main st.

Mr. John T. Hogg, Sr., has purchased the Coffman property in the extension, and will move to it at once.

The Court House is being repaired and painted. Some important improvements will be made on the house and park. Shell Haynes, of Clifton, has the contract.

Mr. Reuben McDaniel has purchased the property of Richard Chambers, Esq., in the extension, and will take possession of the same in a short time.

PERSONALS.—Henry W. Stewart, of Bowling Green, Mo., a former Mason county, citizen, is here on a visit to relatives.

Hon. Geo. W. Morelock, of Hartford City, was in the city Saturday, inspecting the county buildings and premises.

We acknowledge a call Saturday, from Messrs. H. L. Chester and W. Kline, of Hartford City.

Capt. Holland, of the Ohio River Railroad, and his handsome bride, spent Saturday and Sunday, with friends in this city.

Mr. S. Brosius and family, of Gallipolis, spent Sunday in the city, as the guests of T. Stribling, Esq.

Judge Guthrie and wife, and Masters Lew Guthrie and Burnie Tippet, are rusticated at Gauley Bridge, during this warm weather.

James H. Couch, Jr., left Sunday for Gauley river, to take a little rest.

J. Speed Thompson, Esq., of Hinton, is visiting relatives and friends in this county. We regret to learn that since among his friends here, he has been quite unwell, but at this writing is much improved.

We had a pleasant call Monday, from Mr. John Bates, of Clifton.

Capt. N. H. Perkins has moved his family from Virginia, to this place.

Capt. Hein is now confined to his room with a severe attack of rheumatism.

ACQUITTED.—The many friends of J. Speed Thompson, Esq., of Hinton, including ourselves, are rejoiced to know, that after the most bitterly contested trial known perhaps in the annals of the Judiciary of this State, recently at Lewisburg, (by change of venue from Summers to Greenbrier county) he was honorably acquitted.

Mr. Geo. W. McFarland, the popular tailor, left for New York City, Monday, to learn the Cutting System of Arnold, Constable & Co., the finest Merchant Tailors in the United States. He will be gone for several weeks, and on his return will take charge of Gus Jordan's Merchant Tailoring Department, where he will be pleased to meet his friends and patrons. Gus is bound to have the leading system.

Mason county farmers are peculiarly fortunate in the matter of markets. They can ship or sell their products in Eastern, Western or Southern markets, as they may desire. They have the rivers and the railroads and can take their choice.

Col. Chas. T. Beale, offers a special premium at the coming Mason County Fair, as follows: Best colt, get of Willie B, \$5; second best \$3; third best \$2.

HENDERSON ITEMS.—Mr. Robert Morris is still improving, and will soon be able to be out again.

Mr. Kelsey Casey, has been very sick for several days, but at this time is better.

Capt. Joe. Dobbs will move his family to Henderson in a short time.

Mrs. Henry Fry is still sick and is not improving much.

Mr. Bauer, of Pomeroy, Ohio, contractor on the bridge fill is getting along nicely with his work, and he has the most genteel set of men that we have had among us for some time.

Mrs. Joe. Dobbs was visiting Mrs. Darst a few days during last week.

The boys have a new name for getting drunk; they call it sun stroke.

DIXIE.

GLENWOOD ITEMS.—The rains of last week made things look fresh and green again.

W. H. Shelton, resident engineer on O. R. R. made a flying trip to Huntington, Thursday, on business.

Warren Goulden, of this place, has returned home from a visit to Point Pleasant. We wonder if Warren hasn't got a girl up there?

We have had some hot days in past week or two; the thermometer stood at 105 in the shade. The men on the O. R. R. were compelled to take the shade.

Gus. Young and wife, of this place made a trip to Gallipolis one day last week.

The steamer Geo. Strecker, is plying between Huntington and Gallipolis as mail packet.

W. F. Stanley and wife, are visiting at their home in Conestog, Ohio.

Post master McClary, of this place, made a business trip to Gallipolis last week.

D. M.

HICKORY ITEMS.—Once more I venture to intrude. It is very pleasant indeed to spend the few leisure moments we have in reading the items written by our friends from their respective localities. By this means we learn many of the happenings of the county of which we would otherwise be ignorant.

Thanks to our kind editor and the several contributors. We like to hear from "Xpectmore" and others of Bigstee, as we know many of the persons of whom they write.

Limber Jack's items were few but we will excuse him and look for more in the future. We think we know him.

On account of the extreme warm weather many of the seats were vacant at White Hall Sunday school.

We learn that Mr. R. H. Lanham is very much elated over the capture of a young grizzly. Is it true, Bob?

Miss Nora Lanham has been visiting friends at this place.

Mr. A. Menager, of Gallipolis, Ohio, brings a wagon load of nice things every week, and takes away in return many dozens of eggs and chickens.

We have had several warm days which is being followed by a series of showers of rain accompanied by very heavy thunder.

M.

LEON ITEMS.—The recent rains have improved the looks of corn very much. There seems to be an insect working on the tips of the stalks, which pulls the tassels.

Col. J. P. R. B. Smith and Hon. C. E. Hogg, called to see us last week.

Prof. Jasper Riffle was in town Saturday, to engage as teacher in the Leon Graded School.

Mr. Burr, relative of Mrs. Stricklen's, is visiting her. He lives in Indiana.

Isaac Entsminger, whom we noticed in our items last week as quite low, died Thursday. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. G. W. Marston.

MACK.

West Virginia is surely going to become the greatest State in the Union. Her railroads, and her timber and her minerals, will make her. Soon the tide of emigration will be to this State instead of the West. This is the State in which to invest your surplus cash in lands. No State so beautiful, no State so rich, as West Virginia.

A family in this city are the possessors of a pair of white Maltese kittens about eight months old, that are deaf as a rock. If any one doubts it, call at this office and they will be informed as to their whereabouts.

If you want a buggy don't buy until you see P. L. Jones, New Haven, West Va. He will sell you one cheaper than any other person in the business.

Messrs. Mollohan and Hurst are getting along pretty well with their contract for the big fill on this end of the bridge approach.

As a consequence of the railroad building in West Virginia, new towns are springing up rapidly. Our State is fast catching up with the best of them.

P. L. Jones, New Haven, West Va., will sell you a buggy of any kind cheaper than anybody else can afford to.

Floater.

If Point Pleasant is worth living in, she is worth working for.

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If Point Pleasant papers are worth reading, they are worth paying for.

Mason county is getting some very fine horses within its borders.

The splendid rains just come in the nick of time.

"The good die young"—does not apply to newspapers.

We pity the fleshy people during this heated term.

There has been a very favorable change in the weather.

A little street cleaning just now, wouldn't hurt the town.

H. G. Nease, Esq., is making a very popular Sheriff.

Our town offers superior inducements for manufacturing.

Several sun-strokes about the public works, last week.

It is cruel to keep the County and Circuit Clerks in such a sweat-box.

The bane of this town is the credit system.

A side track will be put in at Dr. Roush's Coal Works, at New Haven.

What is the use of having money unless you put it to work?

Rankin Wiley, Jr., has a crop of 1500 bushels of wheat, threshed and ready for market.

We could and would build up this town, if we had the money some of our neighbors have.

In these booming times every man ought to put his shoulder to the wheel and help the town along.

We are glad to see our people at last beginning to erect tenement houses.

The grading of Sixth street is about completed, and Mr. Graham has made a good job of it.

The New York Clothing House will continue to do business at the old stand.

Farmers are rejoicing over the prospect of a bountiful crop of corn; the recent rains saving it.

The court house well is a dirty, filthy place, and the authorities do not seem disposed to remedy it.

The Gallipolis would not support the Sun, so it went in behind the clouds, and refused to shine.

The blackberry season is about over, and the head of the family is glad of it, no doubt.

Thieves burglarized Mrs. Pomeroy's and Mr. Hanley's kitchens, one night last week.

The locust trees are to be cut out of the court house yard, to give the maples a chance to spread themselves.

We need a city school house badly, but how are we going to get it, is the question?

When Mr. Morelock gets through with the court house and premises, it will look like a different place.

There are but few offices that do as good job work as the REGISTER, and none better.

A brakeman on the Ohio River Railroad, Wednesday, while coupling cars at Williamstown, had one of his arms badly crushed.

During the thunder-storm Sunday, Perry Gabbert's barn was struck by lightning, tearing off one corner of the building.

Bob Somerville, the sheep buyer, says he has traveled over three thousand miles on horseback, since the 1st of March.

We have a good many business men in this town, but only a few of them advertise, and they do about all the business.

One of the actresses burned to death in the Hurley, Wisconsin fire was Miss Tillie Moore, who has relatives in Point Pleasant.

A new edition of the potato bug, bound in stripes, has appeared in Illinois, and it bids fair to eclipse all former editions in point of the devastating work that it does.

A man who won't work for his town is very much akin to the man who won't work for his family. Neither one is of much account and should be "fired."

When a Gallipolis wants to leave his city, he has to drive up to Point Pleasant to take the railroad, as trains have quit running in that direction.

There are two legitimate ways of building a city: First by putting the thousands of acres of unimproved lands, tributary, into farms; and second, by encouraging manufacturers.

Please hand in your local notes while they are fresh. We don't like to publish a birth after the child is weaned, a marriage after the honeymoon is over, or the death of a man after the widow is married again.

The Cincinnati Telegram: The man who cannot see any poetry in a sylph-like form enveloped in white drapery and enigm by ribbons, has no more sensibility than the protoplasmic being at the base of the pyramid of life.

Mrs. Misner will liberally reward any one who will return to her a black and white spotted pig, that escaped from his pen.

COUCH vs. EASTHAM.—As the above named case which was recently decided by the Supreme Court of our State, is one which has excited some interest in our county where the parties litigant reside, we have thought it not out of place to make brief mention of the questions involved, and to give the public the points decided by said Court.

The suit was brought for the purpose of constraining the first clause of the last will and testament of Samuel Couch, deceased. Said clause devised the farm on which the testator resided, containing about 950 acres to his son, Peter S. Couch, and in order, as he expressed it, that his two children might be as near equal as may be, he directed Peter to pay his sister, Sarah, \$4,000; and he made said sum a lien and charge on said farm until paid. But in the event that his son Peter should die, leaving no lawful issue surviving him, he directed that all of said real estate should pass to and vest in his daughter, Sarah F. Eastham, or her children, if she be not then living, she or they, paying to Mary C. Couch, the widow of Peter, if then living, the sum of \$2,000.

It was claimed by the plaintiff that Peter was not to pay said sum of \$4,000, to his sister Sarah, and said sum was not to be a lien or charge upon said land, unless Peter died leaving lawful issue; and the Circuit Court of Mason county so held.

The Supreme Court in rendering said decision adjudicated the following points:

1st. Where the language of the testator is plain and his meaning clear, the courts can do nothing but carry out the will of the testator, if it be not inconsistent with some rule of law.

2nd. In the interpretation of a will the true inquiry is, not what the testator meant to express, but what the words used do express.

3d. When the will affords no satisfactory clue to the real intention of the testator, the court must from necessity resort to legal presumptions and rules of construction, but such rules yield to the intention of the testator apparent in the will and have no application when the intention thus appears.

4th. To aid in ascertaining the true construction of the will, evidence may be received of any facts known to the testator which may reasonably be supposed to have influenced him in the disposition of his property; but parol evidence of the intention of the testator is admissible only in cases where there is a latent ambiguity.

5th. Where a testator has the legal right to make a will he has the legal right to make an unequal, unjust and unreasonable will, and the courts will not interfere to set it aside.

6th. The rule that where a devise whose estate is undefined, is directed to pay the testator's debts or legacies, he takes an estate in fee, has no application where the estate of the devisee is defined and fixed in the will.

7th. It is an undisputed general rule that although a legacy vests where a special intention to the contrary appears at the death of the testator, it does not begin to carry interest until a year afterwards; but where the legacy is charged solely on land or given to a child and directed to be paid by a devisee of land in order to make the portion of such child equal that of the devisee of the land, it should bear interest from the date of the death of the testator.

The following language is used in the opinion delivered by the Supreme Court: "the provision or clause of the will now under consideration is expressed in plain and unambiguous terms. The object of the testator's bounty as well as the subject disposed of, are fully identified, according to the rules before stated; it seems to me there is very little room for any attempt to construe this will, to undertake to do so can be little more than to repeat its provisions."

And, again, the court says: "This is an absolute and unqualified direction to Peter to pay to his sister \$4,000.00, without any condition or contingency of any kind. There is no word or sentence in the will that by any just construction can make the payment of this legacy dependent upon the dying of Peter, leaving children, &c. The decree of the circuit court is reversed, the plaintiff's bill is dismissed, and the \$4,000 directed to be paid by Peter to his sister is to bear interest from the death of the testator."

Resolutions of Respect.

The Fair View Grange, No. 200, adopted the following resolutions at a meeting held July 18th, 1887:

WHEREAS, As death has visited our Grange, and it has pleased God to call from among us our worthy brother, L. C. Fadely, who died July the 5th, at Pueblo, Colorado, aged 28 years.

Therefore be it Resolved, That in the death of L. C. Fadely, we mourn the loss of a worthy brother, the community a kind neighbor and a faithful teacher.

Resolved, That we extend to the bereaved family our heartfelt sympathy in this their sad affliction.

Resolved, That these resolutions be published in both county papers and Cincinnati Grange Bulletin and presented to the bereaved family, and that the Secretary be instructed to place them on the minutes of the Grange.

G. McMILLEN,
P. E. ROUSH,
Committee.

We were shown upon yesterday, a statement, from the Ordnance Bureau of the Navy Department, of the marble spoken of in our columns, a couple of weeks ago, as belonging to Capt. Frank Barrett. The block sent on was one and sixty-seven one-hundredths of an inch long, with a compressed surface of one and eighty one-hundredths of an inch and a sectional area of three and twenty-four one-hundredths of an inch.

A hydrostatic test shows that the block of above described dimensions shows that it would bear a pressure of 30,986 pounds without crushing, and a pressure of 9,543 pounds to the square inch. An absorption test has been made by soaking the block in water for twenty-four hours, and then re-weighing, and it proves practically impervious to water. It has stood the air test for nineteen years, it having been worked into tombstones which were erected in the family burying ground of the party from whom Captain Barrett purchased. Its weight is 179 pounds to the cubic foot. Our home marble workers have worked it and pronounce it the finest marble they ever handled.

It is of the same grade of marble, as what is called "Knox" Tennessee, of a light gray color, with dark wavy hues. It is susceptible of the highest polish and yields readily to the chisel. Captain Barrett has on this same (there are 21,000 acres in the tract) land a bed of manganese, which the assayer reports at 84 per cent; brown hematite ore 45 and red hematite 48 per cent, and covering all is a splendid growth of white pine, poplar and white oak timber, roughly estimated at 40,000,000 feet. Some of our home capitalists should take hold of this land, form a company and operate. We are satisfied Captain Barrett would meet them half way.

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200 " 100... 20,000
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